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COAL STRIKE IS SETTLED

FLOOD SOUTH WHILE NORTH IS FREEZING

Ten Inches of Rain Incident of Atmospheric Disturbances.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 10.—Torrential rains over the greater part of the south that first had proved a blessing, by enabling large hydro-electric plants to operate without consumption of coal, today had continued in such force as to flood rivers in Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi, causing thousands of dollars damage and at least three deaths. Ten inches or more of rain fell at various points in Alabama and Georgia. Fair weather and a cold wave were predicted for Alabama and Mississippi and it was believed the rains would be over in Georgia during the day.

Leaves Thousands Homeless. The drop in temperature was expected to cause severe suffering around Meridian, Miss., where floods had left a thousand persons homeless after a rainfall of 10.13 inches. Similar conditions, although not to such a great extent, prevailed along the Chattahoochee river below Atlanta and West Point, Ga., which were reported partly under water with outside communication cut off.

Railroad traffic in Georgia was badly hampered and in lower Alabama and Mississippi it was reported in many cases as paralyzed.

Several cities reported street car service interrupted.

Auto Through Bridge.

Utley creek flowed over its banks on the Cascade road six miles from Atlanta and undermined the foundations of a bridge. An automobile containing five persons went through the weakened structure last night and county police reported that three of them had lost their lives. The Chattahoochee river overflowed bottom lands near Atlanta and reached a stage of 25 feet at the city water works. A 200-foot section of the dam of the Montgomery Light & Power company at Tallahassee, Ala., was washed out late yesterday with a loss estimated at \$250,000.

Relief in Sight.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 10.—Hope for relief from sub-normal temperatures by tomorrow was held forth by the weather bureau today, with announcement that the crest of this cold wave would pass the Mississippi valley today and tonight.

A minimum temperature of 5 degrees below zero was predicted for the Chicago district tonight with slowly rising temperatures tomorrow.

In the south, where floods have caused considerable property damage, rendered hundreds homeless and cost three lives during the past 24 hours, the rain has ceased, but a decided drop in temperature is in prospect.

Freezing temperatures was reported from Galveston, Texas, this morning.

Down to 44 Below.

The coldest place on the weather map was White River, Ontario, with a minimum of 44 degrees below zero. Duluth reported 22 below; Des Moines, 20; Clinton, Iowa, 23; Waterloo, Iowa, 29; St. Paul, Minn., 16; Green Bay, Wis., 14; and Kansas City, 6 below.

Hits the East.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The cold wave which has had the west in its grip for several days, is now moving into the east and south early today.

The weather bureau announced that there would be a cold wave tonight throughout the Atlantic states, the upper Ohio valley and the lower lake region, but that the temperature would moderate slightly tomorrow in the Mississippi and lower Ohio valleys.

High winds are general all along the coast and storm warnings were displayed this morning from Louisiana to Maine.

Warmer in Mountains.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 10.—The Rocky mountain states were promised relief from the cold wave in the shape of rising temperature and fair weather today. Denver obtained relief last night when the mercury slowly crawled from 11 degrees below zero to 5 above. Rising temperature was reported from Wyoming, Colorado and Utah, with the storm center moving slowly eastward.

Some Nearby Records.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Dec. 10.—Temperatures at 23 below were registered here at 9 a. m. today. Reports from towns of the county indicate that there is little coal left in any of them, but no actual suffering has been reported.

Ottumwa, Iowa, Dec. 10.—Sixteen below zero was the minimum temperature registered here this morning.

Do Your Duty!

Workers in the Y. M. C. A. campaign to raise \$65,000 started upon the last 24 hours of the drive today with approximately \$28,000 still to be subscribed before going over the top.

It has been impossible for the canvassers to see everyone, but that does not prevent you from making a subscription. On page two of this issue there appears a subscription blank. Cut it out and mail it either to the Y. M. C. A. or The Argus office.

Do your duty! Back the Y. M. C. A. You owe it to Rock Island, to the association and to yourself.

TIME NOW TO COMPROMISE PEACE TREATY

Definite Move in That Direction Waits President's Word.

BY DAVID LAWRENCE.

(Special to The Argus.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—Who is responsible for the present delay in bringing about the ratification of the peace treaty? The truth may come as a shock to the many friends of the League of Nations and peace treaty who had believed President Wilson was ready to accept a series of reservations and interpretations that would not impair the league or the efficacy of the peace treaty, but it is a fact that Mr. Wilson not only will not take the initiative in making a compromise, but he has refused to permit Senator Hitchcock to engage in negotiations with Republican senators looking toward that end.

The Nebraska senator is, of course, free to enter into such a compromise with opposition senators, but what would be the eventual attitude of the president toward the compromise is absolutely unknown even to Mr. Hitchcock. There is much perplexity over the position which has been adopted by the president, criticism of his course being expressed by friends as well as foes. Because, after all, while it is true that the tactics of the senate leaders and the record of what transpired in the debate at the closing hours of the session establishes clearly the uncompromising position of the treaty opponents, the willingness of the president to accept a compromise is now on record. Most people have taken it for granted that Mr. Wilson would accept a compromise eventually and that he was sticking to his guns very much as a man in a commercial bargain who wants to hold out till the last minute.

But the hour for compromise has arrived. The resolution providing for an unequalled adoption of the peace treaty has been defeated. Twenty Republican senators stand ready to agree to reservations which 45 Democrats will accept, thus making 65 senators in favor of a ratification of the peace treaty—which is one more than is necessary.

Guess at Interview. Just what took place in the conversation between President Wilson and Senator Hitchcock last Friday as the latter lingered behind when Senator Fall of New Mexico left the sick chamber has not been revealed but it doesn't take Capitol Hill long to size up the situation. Coupled with sundry things

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CARS OF COAL CONGEST LINES THROUGH EAST?

Washington, Dec. 10.—With eastern railroad yards congested with loaded coal cars, people in some sections of the west are burning furniture to keep from freezing, the rivers and harbors congress was told today by H. H. Merrick, president of the Chicago association of Commerce and of the Mississippi Valley association.

Mr. Merrick was supporting a project for a United States-Canadian ship channel in the St. Lawrence river to connect the Great Lakes with the sea. The present coal crisis, he declared, was in a large measure a transportation crisis.

As chairman of the Illinois coal committee, the speaker said he had received telegrams today imploring that more coal be sent to that section.

"Yet here in the east," he said, "you have more coal than is needed for necessities in the next few weeks. Iowa is burning wood and cutting down trees to save the situation."

SPRAGUE GOES ON WARPATH TO GET SUGAR FOR STATE

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 10.—Charging the sugar equalization board in Washington has treated western districts "like a set of pick-pockets," Major Aaron Sprague, chairman of the Illinois fair-price committee, telegraphed direct to five of the largest refineries today appealing for sugar for this state.

His telegrams declared that the situation is grave and that unless supplies are rushed here soon an actual shortage will be experienced.

Quincy, Ill., Dec. 10.—The fuel situation here has reached the acute stage. Over one hundred homes are reported without fuel, and there is little coal in the railroad yards. The fuel administration has ordered all heat shut off from business houses, with the exception of daily newspapers and public buildings.

NEW BILL FOR IRELAND. London, Dec. 10.—The new Irish home rule bill will be introduced in parliament Monday, says the Daily Mail.

CAPT. SMITH WINS FLIGHT TO AUSTRALIA

Prize of 50,000 Pounds for First Airman to Perform Feat.

Port Darwin, Australia, Dec. 10.—Captain Ross Smith, the Australian aviator, arrived here today from England, thus winning a prize of 10,000 pounds sterling, offered for the first aviator to make the voyage.

Under the conditions laid down by the Australian government when it offered a prize for making a flight from England to Australia the distance of 11,500 miles had to be covered within 30 days.

Started Nov. 12. Captain Ross Smith left the Hounsfield aviation field near London at 9 o'clock Nov. 12 on his flight to Australia. On Nov. 18 he reached Cairo and the next day he continued his flight, reaching Delhi, India, on Nov. 23. From there he continued east until he reached Rangoon, turning southward at that city, making a number of stops along the Malay peninsula and in the island of Oceania.

He arrived at Bima, on Sunbawa island, near Java, Monday night. Port Darwin is close to the northernmost tip of Australia, being near the town of Palmerston.

Frenchman Left Behind.

An interesting phase of the latter part of the flight was the international contest developed between the British aviator and Lieutenant Etienne Poulet, the French military aviator. Poulet left Paris for Australia, Oct. 14, nearly a month before Captain Smith started from London. The Englishman caught Poulet in Indiana, however, the aviators meeting in Rangoon, Nov. 30, and both leaving for Bangkok, Dec. 1. They started off nearly together from Bangkok the day following. No reports have been received since from the French aviator.

HOUSE DEMAND FOR PARKER'S REPORT DENIED

Washington, Dec. 10.—Secretary Wilson today declined to transmit to the house immigration committee the report of A. W. Parker, formerly of the immigration service, regarding the administration of Frederick C. Howe, as immigration commissioner at New York. Mr. Wilson said that because of the confidential nature of the report, public policy required that it be not made public.

In an executive session yesterday the committee adopted a resolution requesting the secretary to transmit the report.

Charges had been made before the committee that Howe was friendly with dangerous aliens, held at New York for deportation. Anthony Caminetti, commissioner general of immigration, told the committee today that Howe's resignation was not purely voluntary.

GERMAN SHIPS TO MEET LUSITANIA CLAIMS IN FULL

Washington, Dec. 10.—America's claims against Germany, growing out of the sinking of the Lusitania and other vessels, will more than offset the amount due from the United States on account of seizure of German ships in American ports, the shipping board announced.

EXCHANGE NOT ARRANGED. London, Dec. 10.—No agreement has been reached with Soviet Russia on the exchange of prisoners, Lord Stanmore announced.

UNFILED STEEL ORDERS PILE UP

New York, Dec. 10.—Unfiled orders for the United States Steel corporation, on Nov. 30, were 7,128,330 tons, according to the corporation's monthly statement issued today. This is an increase of 645,667 tons compared with the orders of Oct. 31. This is the sixth consecutive month to show an increase. There was nothing in the statement to indicate what percentage of the unfiled tonnage was the result of the steel strike.

QUINCY IN ACUTE DISTRESS, DENIES HEAT TO BUSINESS

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CALIFORNIANS ASK G. O. P. TO RATIFY TREATY

Party Leaders Wire Will Hays Urgent Demand for Action.

San Francisco, Dec. 10.—Nearly forty prominent California Republicans have telegraphed Will H. Hays, chairman of the Republican national committee, a joint appeal to urge Republican senators to ratify the peace treaty immediately without reservations or amendments which would require its resubmission. Their telegram, sent last night and made public here today by the California branch of the League to Enforce Peace, follows in part:

"The undersigned Republicans of California, concerned for their party and their country, respectfully urge upon you and the other members of the Republican national committee the necessity for the immediate ratification of the peace treaty."

"The defeat of the treaty and a separate peace with Germany will be a betrayal of our allies and a victory for Germany."

"The responsibility for this, if the treaty fails, cannot be shifted or concealed. It will rest upon the majority of the Republican senators, and, through them, upon the party and the issue, which should not be a party one, will be made so on this issue we are confident that the vast majority of the Republicans in this state at least, are in favor of the treaty and that the position of the Republican senators will seriously damage the party."

Signers of the petition include: Friend W. Richardson, state treasurer; Will C. Wood, state superintendent of public instruction; Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, president of Stanford university; Ralph P. Merritt, former food administrator for California; Frank M. Angellotti, Lucien Shaw and Max C. Sloga, justices of the state supreme court; Dr. Aurelia Reinhardt, president of Mills college; Chester H. Rowell, publisher of the Fresno Republican; William T. Benson, president of the San Francisco labor council; Frank C. MacDonald, vice president of the state building trades council; Frank C. Brittain, justice of the district court of appeals; William C. Van Vleet, United States district judge; R. A. Crothers, publisher of the San Francisco Bulletin; W. W. Campbell of the Lick observatory; Mrs. Maude R. Mott of San Francisco.

SUPREME COURT DECIDES TO TAKE UP CASE OF REDS

Washington, Dec. 10.—Final efforts to prevent the deportation of Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman were taken today, their counsel asking the supreme court for permission to file appeals from federal court decrees in New York dismissing habeas corpus proceedings.

The court gave counsel for Berkman and Miss Goldman permission to file papers and allowed the government to file a brief in opposition to the request that the court hear the case. The court, however, did not indicate when it would consider the application.

LIVESTOCK RISK COMPANY BROKE

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 10.—A friendly suit for dissolution of the Western Livestock Insurance company, Peoria, was filed in the circuit court here today. The corporation will cease to write insurance, and that already on the books, totaling \$1,500,000, will be turned over to the Kaskaskia Livestock Insurance company of Shelbyville, Ill. The petition asks that Congressman Clifford Ireland, one of the heaviest stockholders, be appointed receiver.

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MANY SUFFER WITH COLD IN WINTRY WAVE

Fuel Situation Made Much Worse All Over the Country.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 10.—Below zero temperatures prevailed today in virtually all districts from the Mississippi valley to the Rocky mountains region and the cold wave began its eastern invasion with sub-normal temperatures of 20 to 30 degrees. In many parts of the western country already hard hit by the fuel shortage brought about by the strike of bituminous coal miners, many small cities and towns were reported, with more to be expected unless moderation of the severe weather brought quick relief.

Trains Taken Off.

As a further coal conservation measure the most severe curtailment of passenger train service ever known was effective today with extension of the federal railroad's train-mile saving, to the eastern region. The order already was operative in the other railroad regions. It was estimated 15,000 tons of coal would be saved daily by it.

Pressing extension of the cold wave into the east and southeast heavy rainstorms were prevalent throughout those sections yesterday, with heavy property damage in Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi and loss of lives near Atlanta, Ga., in flood waters. Railroad service was seriously handicapped and city streets inundated by the almost unprecedented rainfall.

In the western country where almost record snowfalls accompanied the unseasonable cold, rail and wire communication also was handicapped.

Snow Deep in West.

In eastern Washington and Oregon one of the worst snow storms in history was recorded. In Wyoming the snow was banked in deep drifts.

About Redding, Calif., five inches of snow had fallen today, an unusual amount for that region. It gradually deepened northwest to Bend, Ore., where 28 inches, the heaviest since 1884, fell.

Near Astoria, Ore., logging camps were forced to close by the heaviest snow in 25 years.

No general moderation was forecast for today although in some sections of the west weather bureau said that thermometers would rise by tomorrow.

Sub Zero Temperatures.

The wide range of the bitter weather was indicated by reports of sub-zero readings from these places:

Lander, Wyoming, 34 below; Havre, Montana, 30; Williston, N. D., 30; Helena and Miles City, Montana, and Cheyenne, Wyo., 28; Denver, Colo., 25; North Platte, Neb., and Bismarck, N. D., 22; Pueblo and Denver, Colo., and Rapid City, S. D., 20; Moorhead and Duluth, Minn., and Huron, S. D., 14; Charles City, Iowa, and Dodge, N. D., 10; Minneapolis, Minn., Sioux City, Iowa, and Spokane, Wash., 8; Omaha, Neb., and Concordia, Kan., 6; Des Moines, Iowa, 4; Chicago, 3; Wichita, Kan., 2.

Asking for Money.

Swamped by appeals from 6,500 families for relief, the United States office of Chicago today issued a call for a \$100,000 emergency fund. Appeals from the poor were said to be coming in at the rate of 100 a day.

Agents of the association said the laying off of thousands of workmen in factories closed by the coal strike was responsible for much of the suffering.

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GASTRONOMIC REGENERATION DUE FOR U. S.?

French Propose to Mend Fortunes Selling Food Secrets.

Paris, Tuesday, Dec. 9.—Production and exportation are recommended on all sides in France as the only efficient means of restoring French exchange to normal, but practical suggestions as to how this is to be accomplished are scarce.

Louis Thomas, writing in L'Information, gives a list of possible commodities for export, at the head of which he places French gastronomic specialties. M. Thomas refers to the French belief that the dietary of American is below standard.

"That belief is both false and true," he states. "It is false because one can live well in the United States, even in the modest restaurants, if one knows how to choose from American menus the very sound American dishes they contain; true because that country does not know the refinements and savory recipes of our cookery."

M. Thomas suggests a long list of French pastries and specialties which he believes would find a ready market in the United States.

GOV. SPROUL IS KEYNOTER FOR REPUBLICANS

Condems Government Department for Meddling in "Private Affairs."

Washington, Dec. 10.—Governor Sproul of Pennsylvania, in a keynote speech at the meeting today of the Republican national committee, attacked the administration's Mexican policy and declared the Republican party approach to the coming presidential campaign with confidence.

His outline of party policies included a better relation between capital and labor, economy in business management in administration, a firm handling of the Mexican situation, restoration of Americanism and constitutional government, and a sound solution of the railroad problem.

Referring briefly to the question of peace, the governor declared the Republican citizenship "had endeavored to cooperate in the conclusion of the matter, with only such limitations as will preserve to this republic its own rights under the constitution."

He declared that during Republican times relations between capital and labor "have always been pretty well understood."

Acting President Lewis appeared confident during the noon recess of winning the fight for acceptance of the president's plan.

Farrington Makes Speech.

Frank Farrington, head of the Illinois miners, who have composed a group said to be strongest in opposition to the proposal, made a lengthy speech before adjournment of the committee. It could not be learned whether he continued in his position, or, as reported earlier, the attitude of the Illinois delegation as having decided to support the proposal.

It was asserted this morning that the miners led by Mr. Farrington had decided at a caucus last night to discontinue their opposition to the president's plan.

Resume at 10 A. M.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 10.—The general committee of the United Mine Workers of America reconvened shortly before 10 o'clock this morning for further consideration of President Wilson's proposal for ending the strike of 400,000 bituminous coal miners of the country. It was generally expected that the proposal, providing for the immediate return to work of the miners at an increase of 14 per cent in wages and the appointment of a commission of three men to adjust wages, would be accepted before the day.

Agreed on Acceptance.

As the committee, which consists of international and district officers, and members of the executive

board and scale committee, gathered, gossip as to the causes of the prolonged session was rife. With very few exceptions, however, all agreed that President Wilson's proposal would be accepted some time today.

One high official of the miners' organization, who asked that his name be withheld, said most of the argument yesterday was on the request of Illinois miners that the Cleveland convention be reconvened to act on the proposal of President Wilson. Another rumor stated that the members of the general committee from Illinois, in caucus last night had agreed to accept the proposal today.

Lewis and Green Fighting.

Comment was heard on all sides of the valiant fight being waged by Acting President John L. Lewis and Secretary-Treasurer William Green, on behalf of the proposal, to which they agreed in conference with Attorney General Palmer in Washington last Saturday.

Show Their Strength.

Yesterday afternoon Acting President John L. Lewis and Secretary-Treasurer William Green, made a strong fight for ending the strike on the basis suggested by the president and their supporters voted down a motion, it was said, to take the plan from consideration of the general committee and refer it to the locals of the organization for a vote. This action was believed to reflect the strength of the advocates of settlement and to foreshadow final victory for them.

Meantime Attorney General Palmer, who came to Indianapolis Monday to direct attorneys for the government in their handling of court proceedings against the miners, is waiting for final decision of the miners. It was stated last night that Mr. Palmer would remain in the city until the miners' meeting was adjourned.

WHO WOULDN'T BE A SUFFRAGET FOR SUCH ADVANTAGES

London, Dec. 10.—The new woman's club in Grosvenor place, the "forum" has an American bar with one of the best list of cocktails in the west end of London.

"Gloom raiser," "Elephant kick," "Monkey's gland," and "Pussyfoot" are the names of some of the drinks says the Globe, while "Silver Fizz," "Horse's Neck," "Widow's Kiss," "Rainbow," and "Clover Club" also are available.

COST OF LIVING UP AGAIN LAST MONTH

New York, Dec. 10.—The cost of living advanced 1.3 per cent per cent during the last month and now stands at 131 per cent above the pre-war level, according to Bradstreet's.

AFTER PROLONGED DEBATE MINERS AGREE TO RETURN TO WORK ON WILSON PLAN

Opposition Led by Illinois Delegation Puts Up Bitter Fight but Finally Yield to Persuasion of Lewis, Green and Other Conservatives.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 10.—The strike of 400,000 bituminous coal miners of the country was settled here today when the general committee of the United Mine Workers of America agreed to accept the plan offered by President Wilson.

The members voted to accept the proposal of President Wilson shortly before 3 o'clock this afternoon. At that time it was said no vote had been taken on the question of holding a convention of the union. The committee was still in session at that hour.

The plan provides that the miners shall return to work at once at an increase of 14 per cent in wages; and that a commission of three persons be appointed to investigate and determine within 60 days, if possible, a basis for a new wage agreement.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Representatives of the United Mine Workers of America today voted down a proposal to reject the strike settlement offer made by President Wilson, according to information reaching Washington from Indianapolis, where the union officials are in session.

A second motion, that the president's proposal be submitted to a referendum vote of the members of the union, which would involve a delay of weeks, also was said to have been voted down.

Acting President Lewis of the Mine Workers, according to the information, said the president's offer would be accepted before night.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 10.—With President Wilson's proposal for ending the strike still under consideration, the conference of the miners reconvened at 12:05 p. m. this afternoon until 1:30 p. m. for luncheon.

Acting President John L. Lewis said he "expected the miners to finish" today. Otherwise he would make no comment.

Confident President Lewis appeared confident during the noon recess of winning the fight for acceptance of the president's plan.

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